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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15, 1920

Appomattox County Population

	1920	1910	1900
Appomattox County	9255	8904	9662
Clover Hill District, including part of Pamplin City town	3289	2951	3401
Southside District	2940	2506	2726
Stonewall District	3048	3357	3535
Pamplin City town	223	188	....

TOBACCO SITUATION

As we view the serious crisis in the tobacco market it looks bad for the farmer.

Last year's crop brought good prices, but not too much, when compared with labor conditions and cost of fertilizers and farm machinery, not taking into account the increase in all kinds of taxes on the farm and implements thereon.

Now when the crop is made for this year and the farmers' obligations are maturing, they are confronted with prices which will not bear the cost of production. The department of agriculture at Washington alleges that it warned the farmers last year not to produce too much tobacco in 1920, at least to curtail the crop. Our farmers have no recollection of such a warning. The report just sent out shows that the damage to the crop has curtailed it about 22,000,000 pounds in Virginia alone, and that the crop stands only 82 per cent of the ten-year average for Virginia.

State Commissioner Koiner urges the farmers to hold the crop and asks the business men and the bankers to aid the farmers all they can in holding the crop for better prices.

The bright market is completely demoralized, it is said, and the warehousemen have closed, awaiting some better demand for the tobacco.

Is it possible that a conspiracy has been entered into by the buyers to take the present crop at half the price of the last year's crop, thereby reducing the cost of the 1919 crop?

Commissions are investigating the causes, but little relief is expected from the findings.

Is it not possible for our government to ascertain the foreign and home consumption of tobacco and fix a price for the foreign tobacco, which would be sure to regulate and stabilize the production and price at home.

Already the call to higher wages in the cities and on public works depleted the farm labor, and our opinion is that the tobacco crop, which is already short, will be greatly curtailed another year, for the want of labor at a fair price.

Buckingham

The death of Raymond Barker, which took place in a Richmond hospital, at the time it did, was a surprise, as it was hoped, after he lived so long after he was shot that he would recover. Wyatt Pendleton, who is in jail here charged with the shooting, will probably be indicted by a Grand Jury on Sept. 14th, the first day of the fall term of circuit court.

John B. Boatwright, chairman of the Democratic County Committee of Buckingham, has issued a circular letter addressed to the women of this county who are eligible, urging them to pay their poll tax of $1.50 each and register so as to be ready to vote in the coming election; and he calls attention to the fact that this captitation tax will have to be paid next year, anyway.

Tobacco raisers are watching with keen interest the move that has been launched by Commissioner Koiner to help the farmers get a fair price for their tobacco The daily papers, too, with commendable zeal have taken the matter up, and one daily says editorially that there is no valid reason for the slump in prices. Owing chiefly to weather conditions and scarcity of labor, the present crop cannot be put on the market as early as it is usual for it to be sold.

There is diversity of opinion anent the amount of damage to the corn crops caused by the recent freshets in the streams; the corn, however, is being utilized to some extent for feeding hogs.

The High school opened here Monday morning with a faculty as capable as will be found in any school I know, and we are hoping for a successful session.

W. W. Haskins is offering his personal property and his farm here for sale and will probably spend some time in the village after he disposes of his property.

Mr. Hugh Moss has returned from Richmond, where he was operated on, and he will have to return for further treatment.

Mr. John W. Haskins is located now at Parkersburg, W. Va.

The negro Baptist Association was held at Mount of Olives church near Dillwyn last week and one of their number tells me they had everything to tempt the appetite; but the food, as a general thing, was on sale.

I am sorry to report that Judge A. S. Hall does not improve as readily as we had all hoped for. He has gone to Atlanta for treatment under Dr. James N. Ellis, one of his brothers-in law.

Mr. Langdon Henderlite will be a student at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, this session and his mother will keep house in Richmond. Mr. Robert Henderlite will go again to King College, at Bristol, Tenn.

The Board of Supervisors have decided to sell the county's mule teams that have been used for road work.

Rev Mr Barrell announced on Sunday that the union prayer meetings would be resumed this week.

Fertilizer Prices Increasing

Higher fertilizer prices for next year's crop seem inevitable according to the fertilizer manufacturers, who state that they are struggling to make up their price lists for this fall so as to satisfy the Government, under whose control they still work, and at the same time leave themselves a margin of profit against the rising cost of raw materials.

One manufacturer estimates fertilizer prices for this fall at an advance of 10 to 20 per cent over those of last spring. The greatest increase, in his opinion, will be on acid phosphate. The car situation has cut the supply of phosphate rock so low that the acid phosphate men are in great need of raw material to keep their plants in operation Nitrate of soda is scarce. It has advanced steadily for the past six months and is now costing $85 a ton at the port. Animal and vegetable ammoniates are extremely high, costing not less than $8 a unit of ammonia at Chicago.

Other factors that enter into the fertilizer situation are strikes at the mines, high priced labor, increased prices of bags, now selling from thirty to forty cents each, and a 30 per cent increase in freight rates.

The fertilizer men are not willing to hazard a guess as to what prices will be next spring, as the raw materials now being purchased are for the fall output. If a general decline in prices of everything takes place before the spring materials are bought, prices to the farmer may be lower in the spring, but there is no prospect at present of the general stabilization that will bring this about.

The advice of these men, and it is probably the best we have to go on, is for the farmers who expect to use fertilizer next year to figure out what they will need and when their tobacco is hauled to town let the fertilizer be carried back home and stored.

Normally this is good advice, for we are prone to wait until the planting season is on to buy fertilizer, throwing on the manufacturers the burden of delivering the output of twelve months in six weeks' time. As a result some delays are unavoidable and often the fertilizer arrives too late to give its maximum return.

Talk this matter over with your reliable fertilizer dealers and county agent and act on the best information and advice you can get.—The Progressive Farmer.

Proceedings of Board of Supervisors for September

At a meeting of Board of Supervisors of Appomattox county held at the Clerk's office on September 8—present: W. H. Ligon, L. E Smith and S. E. Anderson, the following claims were presented to the Board and examined and approved, and warrants ordered drawn for their payment:

POOR HOUSE AND PAUPERS

G W Watson, board and care of inmates to Sept. 15	$ 60 00
Alice Ferguson	2 50
Joe Woolridge	3 00
Mrs Sallie Rogers	3 00
Mrs Nannie Warriner	2 50
C Roach Mann	4 00
Kate Petty for Frank Thornton	2 50
Ann Johns	2 50
Mrs Anna B Burton	2 00
Marshy Hancock	2 00
Maria Scruggs	2 00
Lou Conner	3 00
Ella Elliott	2 00
Humphrey North	2 50
Osie May Fleshman	3 00
John Dennis for daughter	5 00
Robert Fleshman	2 50

C H AND CLERK'S OFFICE

Charles F James ink	75
Telephone Co. of Appox	4 80

STOCK KILLED—DOGS

J T Dinkins, 1 sheep killed	10 00
E M Drinkard, executing warrants for violation of dog law	2 00
T W Moses, issuing and trying warrants—dog cases	6 00

LUNACY

J P Johnson, conveying W R Johnson to Lynchburg	2 28

C. H. AND JAIL

D L Martin, whitewashing, etc.	9 00

MISCELLANEOUS

C W Smith, assistant land assessor, 26 days	156 00

ROAD MAINTENANCE

G P Jennings, work on Hebron road	66 10
H C Babcock, shovels	5 25
H W McKinney, auto hire	2 00
Appox Hdw Co., supplies	4 86
Brown & Smith, cement	1 50
W W Martin, patrolman	64 75
Thomas Guill, team and driver	168 00
Stephen Preston, labor	39 00
Arthur Robertson, labor	45 00
Ernest Wright, labor	47 40
Clarence Johns, labor	11 40
Herbert Coleman, mower	3 20
Cabell Carter, team	9 80

On the recommendation of S G. Harvey, overseer of the poor for Southside district, Robert Fleshman is placed on the pauper list at $2 50 per month until the further order of the Board.

The Commonwealth's Attorney having effected a settlement with O J. Webb for the purchase of the old poor house farm, by which the said Webb executed a deed of trust for three thousand dollars, evidenced by three notes of $1,000 each, dated December 1, 1919, with interest from date, payable 1, 2 and 3 years from date, on said farm, and another tract of 369¼ acres on Fishpond creek, on which last mentioned tract there is former deed of trust, and then by paying $200 cash as a credit on the first note to come due under said deed of trust, and leaving with the Board as collateral $200 in coupon bonds until said first note is paid, the same is satisfactory and approved by Board.

The question of rebuilding the bridge over North's creek was taken up, and T E Owen submitted a bid of $850 to build rock pen abutments, make the necessary fills and build a wooden bridge over said North's creek between H. D. Flood's and Oakville, according to plan and specifications outlined before the Board and which is to be drawn up and incorporated in a contract and specifications by the clerk of the Board.

The question of rebuilding the bridge at Miss Ida Jones's, the whole matter was turned over to S. E Anderson, Supervisor of Stonewall district, to make the best contract and arrangements he can.

The question of repairing the damage done to the approach to the bridge across Bent creek at Bent Creek, was turned over to S E Anderson, Supervisor, to get estimates and receive bids for repairing the same, and report to the Board at its next meeting.

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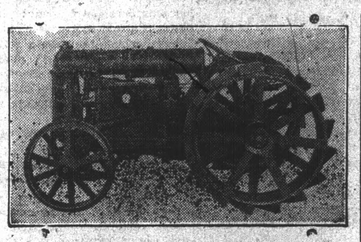

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